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years, more or less, they seem to be in harmony with Dr. AUWERS's conclusion that the orbit plane of the system of *Procyon* is approximately tangent to the celestial sphere. However, it should be stated, with some reserve, that our observations appear to show a secondary variation of radial velocity whose double amplitude is probably less than 1.5 kilometers per second, and whose period is about seven years; but observations covering several additional years will be required to place this suspected variation beyond question.

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December 31, 1909.

## DARIUS OGDEN MILLS, 1825-1910.

It is with deep regret that we here record the death of DARIUS OGDEN MILLS, on the evening of January 3, 1910, in his eighty-fifth year. Mr. MILLS was the donor of the two Mills spectrographs used in connection with the 36-inch refracting telescope; and the D. O. Mills Expedition from the Lick Observatory, University of California, located on the summit of Cerro San Cristobal, Santiago, Chile, is due solely to his generosity. Mr. MILLS was a member of the first Board of Trustees appointed by JAMES LICK to control the construction and equipment of the Lick Observatory, in which duty he gave freely of his time and mature judgment. Mr. MILLS's benefactions in support of higher education in its various phases and of organized charity were numerous and remarkable for their effectiveness.